THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) No.

(d) Not applicable in view of the reply to part (c) above.

Health care facilities for Central Government pensioners

3738. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government pensioners, other than those of Defence and Railways, living in areas not covered by C.G.H.S. are without any healthcare facilities;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to formulate a scheme to provide them adequate health care as has recently been done in the case of ex-servicemen; and

(c) if so, by when that is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Central Government pensioners living in non-CGHS areas have an option to have a CGHS Card made in the nearest CGHS covered city by paying the appropriate contribution for availing I.P.D. facilities. In addition, they are entitled to get Rs. 100/- per month as fixed medical allowance for OPD expenses.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has floated an "Expression of Interest" from health insurance agencies and insurance consultants for extending health care facilities to Central Government pensioners not covered by the CGHS, Considering the enormity of the work involved, it is not possible to fix a time limit for introduction of the scheme.

Basic amenities to CGHS dispensary at Kalibari

3739. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of basic amenities like drinking water, toilets, furniture etc. in Homoeopathic dispensary situated at Kalibari due to which patients as well as staff/doctors have to face difficulties;

(b) if so, the efforts being made to sort out them;

(c) whether due to difference between actual postings and sanctioned strength, beneficiaries have to wait for hours;

(d) if so, by when this deficiency would be met;

(e) despite being centrally located, the facility to provide indented medicines the same day is not available; and

(f) if so, whether Government would instruct AYUSH Department suitably?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No.